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3 AUSTRIAN WINTER PEAS //

IDAHO: Acreage of Austrian Winter peas for harvest on June 15 was estimated at 30,000 acres according to the USDA CROP REPORTING SERVICE for Idaho. This is 10,000 acres more than last year. The 10-year (1941-50) average is 26,110 acres.

The condition of the crop is good and yields are expected to be above last year.

UNITED STATES: Although a 23 percent increase in acreage over last year is indicated for Austrian Winter peas, the total of 44,800 acres intended for harvest is only about one-half the 10-year average. Idaho, with 30,000 acres, leads all States in acreage this year. Last year 20,000 acres were harvested for seed in this State.

A preharvest survey indicates that a total of 632,300 acres of 5 important kinds of winter cover crops -- hairy vetch, common and Willamette vetch, Austrian Winter peas, common ryegrass, and wild winter peas -- are being saved for seed this year. This acreage is 43 percent larger than the 442,900 acres harvested in 1951 and 48 percent larger than the 1941-50 average of 428,100 acres. The June 15 condition, as a percentage of normal, of each of these seed crops was reported higher than last year. In contrast to 1951 at this time, weather conditions have been particularly favorable for development of winter cover crop seed in the western and southern States. Only in Texas and North Dakota, where weather has been too dry, are conditions reported relatively unfavorable. With the large acreage and generally good condition of the growing crops, it is likely that the 1952 production of these seeds will be at least one half again as large as last year's output, assuming near normal weather conditions from June 15 through harvest.

AUSTRIAN WINTER PEAS

STATE	Acreage			Yield per Acre		Condition of growing crop as of June 15	
	Harvested		Indicated for harvest 1952	Average		1951 1952	
	Average 1941-50	1951		1941-50	1951	1951	1952
	Acres			Pounds		Percent	
North Dakota	1,170	800	500	1,090	1,000	94	65
Texas	*1,867	--	--	* 268	--	--	--
IDAHO	26,110	20,000	30,000	1,201	1,125	70	86
Washington	13,700	3,200	2,000	1,127	1,100	92	95
Oregon	39,600	12,000	12,000	951	775	76	91
California	5,750	500	300	537	1,100	60	80
UNITED STATES	86,890	36,500	44,800	1,019	1,004	74	87

* Short-time average.

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